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Mexican Musicale a Benefit

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THE MEXICAN Ambassador and Senora de Tello gave a helping hand to the National Symphony Orchestra's sustaining fund last night. They turned the embassy over for a piano recital and after that entertained 125 or more guests at a champagne supper.

Angeles Morales and Mrs. McNair Sauer, one of Mexico's finest pianists, who made her debut at New York's Carnegie Hall when she was 17, was the artist. She has come from the University of Kansas where she's been visiting associate professor of piano for the last two years, and from here she'll go to New York for a Town Hall concert on April 12.

Guests were greeted by Ambassador and Senora de Tello with Carson Frailey, president of the National Symphony Orchestra, Mrs. Howard Mitchell—alone because Dr. Mitchell is touring with the orchestra—Mrs. Edward Cushing, and Carl Shipley, director of the Sustaining Fund drive.

BEFORE the musical program began, M. Robert Rogers, who was designated Master of Ceremonies for the evening, introduced Ambassador Tello to the audience by tracing briefly his

official career in the service of his country.

Carson Frailey presented the Ambassador with a scroll with the signatures of all the National Symphony Orchestra members, to be given to the National Symphony Orchestra of Mexico.

The scroll, he said, "is presented with warm friendship and esteem for our colleagues in the art of music and in the spirit of the people-to-people program of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who has said: 'the enjoyment of music... has a moral and spiritual value which is unique and powerful. It reaches easily and quickly across lingual, racial and national barriers.'"

Ambassador Tello, in response, said that he would present the gift scroll to the Orchestra with the hope that the National Symphony Orchestra of Washington someday will play in Mexico—and vice versa.

Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell's two pretty young daughters, Iorraine and Martha, played the role of pages last night and passed out programs among the guests.

Those attending the benefit last night included the Greek Ambassador and Mme. Melas, the Cuban Ambassador Miguel Angel Campa, former Ambassador and Mrs. M. Robert Guggenheim, former Ambassador and Mrs. Orme Wilson, Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Leigh Wade, Mrs. Robert H. Dunlap, Mrs. Juliet Shouse, Gerson Nordlinger, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Cafritz, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Jones, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel

Alexander and former Assistant Secretary of State Henry Holland.

OTHERS there were former Ambassador Robert Woods Bliss, who came in on the late side—without Mrs. Bliss, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stafford, Col. and Mrs. Jess Bryan Bennett, and the Ray Henles.

Chatting after the program, Ambassador Tello announced that he and Senora de Tello are planning a black tie reception and supper on April 23 for the famed Mexican comedian, Mario Moreno Cantinflas. Cantinflas, said the Ambassador, came from a very humble background and now works hard for charity programs. He once starred in a 24-hour radio marathon to raise funds to renovate the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Ladies at Tea:

ANOTHER in a series of teas was held at Dacor House yesterday, with U. S. Ambassador to Norway and Mrs. Corrin Strong and Francis Russell, our Ambassador to New Zealand, and Mrs. Russell, among the guests.

Also there were Clifford Folger, U. S. Ambassador-designate to Belgium, and Mrs. Folger; Frances Willis who has been named Ambassador to Denmark and William J. Sebald, newly appointed American Ambassador to Australia, and Mrs. Sebald.

Dinner at Eight:

The Charge d'Affaires of France and Mme. Lucet were hosts at dinner last evening at the embassy in honor of Rene Mayer, president of the High Authority of the European Community for Coal and Steel who is in this country to arrange for a bond issue.

Among the guests were the Belgian Ambassador and Baroness Silvercuyx, the Ambassador of Luxembourg and Mme. LeGallais, Senator and Mrs. Paul Douglas, Rep.

Katharine St. George, the Atomic Energy Commission Chairman, Lewis Strauss, Allen Dulles, Central Intelligence Director; Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Robert Bowle, Benson E. L. Timmons, of the European Regional Affairs division of the State Department, and Mrs. Timmons and George Ball. The French Ambassador and Mme. Alphonse are on a trip to Paris.

Stags:

Dr. Jose Mora, Secretary General of the Organization of American States, entertained at a large luncheon yesterday at the Pan American Union in honor of former Assistant Secretary of State, Spruille Braden of New York, president of the Pan American Society of the United States. Mr. Braden, who was once United States Ambassador to Cuba was here with members of the board of directors of the society to present the Gold Insigne of his organization to President Eisenhower at a 11 a. m. ceremony yesterday.

In addition to Latin American ambassadors among other guests were Acting Assistant Secretary of State Roy Rubottom, Robert C. Hill, U. S. Ambassador-designate to Mexico and the retiring Minister-Counselor of the Argentine Embassy, Alberto Benegas-Lynch.

Among those from out-of-town were Daniel Del Rio, vice president of the Hanover Bank of New York; W. R. Herod, president of International General Electric; Otto T. Kreuser, vice president of Chase National Bank; the Rev. Robert I. Gannon, former president of Fordham University; C. R. McPherson, vice president of All America Cables and Radio, Inc.

Baron S. G. M. van Voorst tot Voorst, Charge d'Affaires of the Netherlands, was host at a stag dinner Tuesday evening in honor of the Netherlands Secretary of Defense C. Staf.